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C O N F I D E N T I A L LA PAZ 3915

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM

REF: STATE 125753

1. EMBASSY LA PAZ WELCOMES UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S VISIT.
IT WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS USG ENCOURAGEMENT
FOR BOLIVIA'S DECISION TO RETURN TO ELECTED CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT
VIA NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON JULY 9, 1978. WE PLAN TO ORIENT
THE VISIT TOWARDS THE KEY POLITICAL ACTORS IN THE ELCTION
AND POST-ELECTION PROCESS. THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
FOR UNDER SECRETARY'S APPROVAL AND SUGGESTIONS:

2. MAY 25

9:50 P.M. ARRIVE A ELE ALTO AIRPORT, LA PAZ. AMBASSADOR WILL
MEET. GO DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. UNDER SECRETARY
NEWSOM AND FERNANDO RONDON ARE INVITED TO STAY AT RESIDENCE.
A BRIEFING BOOK WILL BE PROVIDED AND AMBASSADOR AND UNDER
SECRETARY CAN DISCUSS MAIN POINTS BEFORE HE RETIRES FOR THE
NIGHT.

MAY 26

8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST WITH COMMANDERS OF THE THREE MILITARY
SERVICES. THEY WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN MAINTAINING
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STABILITY DURING AND AFTER ELECTIONS. THEY MUST ATTEND A
NATIONAL CEREMONY WHICH BEGINS LATER IN THE MORNING AND LASTS
UNTIL NOON.

9:15 A.M. MEET WITH FULL EMBASSY STAFF AT RESIDENCE.

9:45 A.M. GO TO THE EMBASSY CHANCERY

10:00-10:50 A.M. MEET WITH COUNTRY TEAM

11:00-12:00 A.M. MEET WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER
OF INTERIOR GUILLERMO JIMENEZ GALL (FOREIGN MINISTER
ADRIAZOLA WILL BE AT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.)

12:30 LUNCHEON WITH THE FOUR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND
THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOLIVIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION. WE
CONSIDER THIS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF EXPRESSING TO
THEM OUR SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER,
CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALL IN TOWN AT THIS MOMENT AND WE ARE
NOT SURE ALL WILL BE WILLING TO MEET TOGETHER. IF NOT, WE
HOPE TO ARRANGE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH THEM, WHICH WILL
REQUIRE REARRANGEMENT OF THE AFTERNOON SCHEDULE.

2:30-3:45 P.M. TIME FOR SHORT REST

3:45 P.M. GO TO EMBASSY CHANCERY

4:00-4:45 P.M. MEET WITH YOUNGER MISSION OFFICERS

4:45 DEPART CHANCERY FOR NATIONAL PALACE

5:00-6:00 P.M. MEET WITH PRESIDENT BANZER. TIME NOT YET
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6:00 P.M. RETURN TO RESIDENCE

6:30-8:30 P.M. BUFFET/RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE WITH
PROMINENT BOLIVIANS

8:30 P.M. DEPART FOR EL ALTO AIRPORT

9:50 P.M. DEPART LA PAZ.

3. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE JAMES LANDBERG, POL/ECOM COUNSELOR
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